

**APPARATUS AND METHOD USING COLOR-CODED OR PATTERN-CODED KEYS  
IN TWO-KEY INPUT PER CHARACTER TEXT ENTRY**Abstract

5        Letters (more generally, language symbols) are entered electronically by selecting, in  
sequential fashion, two keys on a standard phone layout. The first key in the two-key sequence is  
that key on which the desired letter is displayed. The keys and the letters displayed on the keys  
are marked in such a way that the markings suggest the second key in the two-key sequence. The  
letters displayed on the keys have respective markings, such as a color, with each letter on a  
10    given key having a unique marking. The keys themselves also have markings that match the  
markings of the letters. In preferred embodiments, the two keys in the two-key sequence are  
located in the same row. Letters may be selected to spell out words on a screen and then sent  
electronically to a remote device or recipient.

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